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SUBJ: AFGHANS REJECT LATEST PAK STATEMENT

REF: ISLAMABAD 2171

1. KABUL PRESS YESTERDAY HIGHLIGHTED MARCH 17 STATEMENT BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) SPOKESMAN CONTAINING REJECTION OF MOST RECENT CRITICAL STATEMENT TOWARD AFGHANISTAN GIVEN FROM PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTRY. (PAK STATMENT REPORTED REFTEL.)

2. AFGHAN MFA SPOKESMAN SAID PAKS TRIED TO CREATE NOTION IT WAS AFGHANS WHO PUT FORWARD PRE-CONDITIONS FOR TALKS, WHEN "THE FACT IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN, BY DELIBERATELY CHANGING THE SITUATION, THAT IS DISSOLVING THE NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY, AND (BY) IMPRISONMENT OF THE ELECTED LEADERS OF PUSHTUN AND BALUCHI PEOPLE, SABOTAGED THE BEGINNING OF TALKS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN. HENCE AFGHANISTAN'S VIEW REGARDING RAISING OF RESTRICTIONS AGAINST THE NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY AND ITS LEADERS AS NECESSARY STEPS FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF TALKS IS NOT INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF PAKISTAN."

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3. AFTER WHAT APPEARS EXTRAORDINARILY HARSH OFFICIAL MFA

DENUNCIATION OF PAK GOVT. (AN ADMINISTRATION WHOSE "CHARACTERISTICS ARE REPRESSION AND AUTOCRACY" AND WHICH ONCE AGAIN RECENTLY "PROVED THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ATTACH THE LEAST IMPORTANCE TO BASIC AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE") SPOKESMAN GOES ON TO DENY THAT WAHEED ABDULLAH PLAYED DIPLOMATIC FOUL BALL IN HAVING SPOKEN OPENLY IN DELHI OF A PROSPECTIVE MEETING WITH AGHA SHAHI, SINCE, AGAIN ACCORDING AFGHAN MFA SPOKESMAN: "THE PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES THEMSELVES REVEALED THE MATTER BY DISTRIBUTING AN OPEN AIDE MEMOIRE TO MOST OF THE AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED IN ISLAMABAD ON FEBRUARY 26."

4. FINALLY, SPOKESMAN REITERATED AFGHAN WILLINGNESS TO ENTER TALKS WITH PAKISTAN "FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE ISSUE OF THE RESTORATION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PUSHTUN AND BALUCHI PEOPLES," BUT GOES ON TO STATE PAKISTAN'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR CREATING "FAVORABLE GROUND" FOR THE SUCCESS OF SUCH TALKS.

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